

REMARKS

The claims rejected on prior art in the last Office Action are cancelled without prejudice. The Applicants intend to present the subject matter of those claims in a new continuation application.

The remaining claims in the present application are the claims indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Those claims that were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim are here rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should be in condition for allowance and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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